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SUBJECT: UNESCO AND PARAGUAY: US APPEAL UNSUCCESSFUL ON
CULTURAL DIVERSITY CONVENTION

REF: A. STATE 184292

[B](#). STATE 189518

[C](#). STATE 192656

Econoff delivered Ref. A. letter and points on October 6 to MFAs Julio Peralta, Director of International Organizations. On October 13, Peralta told Econoff that Ref. A letter and points were forwarded to Paraguays UNESCO delegation in Paris, which is being headed by Minister of Education Blanca Ovelar. Peralta told Econoff that he understood from the delegation that Paraguay was supporting the original text of the convention, a position he said is shared by other countries in the region. Econoff delivered Ref. B. letter and points on October 18 to MFAs Patricia Frutos, Director of Multi-lateral Economic Organizations. Econchief delivered Ref. C.
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dipnote and points to Frutos on October 20. Frutos replied that she spoke with Paraguays mission in Paris and relayed USG concerns. She told Econchief that she was informed by Paraguays Paris mission that the US appeal was unsuccessful, that GRULAC countries reached an agreement on the draft convention and that they did not share US fears regarding possible abuses of the convention.

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